Box V

1 Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: WO 02/063831 A (REDBACK NETWORKS INC) August 15, 2002 (2002-08-15)

D2: US 2001/025376 A1 (KNOBL KARL-HEINZ) September 27, 2001 (2001-09-27)

2 Document D1 is regarded as the closest prior art to the subject matter of claim 1. It discloses (the references between parentheses relate to this document):

A system for transmitting audio and/or video data (page 1, line 9, figure 6) having a ring-shaped, bidirectional, optical network comprising optical fibers (page 4, lines 11-23) and network elements which are connected to one another in a ring shape by means of the network (page 1, line 9, figure 1), where data are transmitted between the network elements in the network in a first data channel having a first optical wavelength (page 5, lines 21-23; page 2, lines 4-9, and
where data are transmitted between the network elements in the network in a second data channel having a second optical wavelength (figure 6, 7).

The subject matter of **claim 1** therefore differs from the known subject matter in **D1** in that the audio and/or video appliances in a motor vehicle have no optical couplers with filters for separating the first and second data channels.

The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

The object to be achieved with the present invention can therefore be regarded as that of connecting multimedia